REMARKS

Paragraphs 1 - 5 of the Office Action

Claims 1-2 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 4,287,622 to Lane. Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Lane. Claims 3-5 and 7 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of as-filed and now

cancelled claim 4. New claims 9-13 have been added to vary the scope of the claims.

New claim 9 includes the limitations of as filed claims 1 and 7, and no new matter has been added. Based on the prior art references and the statements by the Examiner, claims 1 and 9 and all claims depending from claims 1 and 9 are believed to be in condition for allowance.

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Paragraph 6 of the Office Action

Claim 8 is allowed.

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CONCLUSION

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In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early consideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

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